

EXHIBIT 4



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Water's Edge Limited Partnership
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**RE: Revere Board of Health Written Determination of Emergency pursuant to
M.G.L. c. 111, §127 B and 105 CMR 410.831 (A) – (E)**

Dear Resident Agent:

Please find the City of Revere Board of Health's Written Determination of Emergency for the property located at 370 Ocean Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

Water's Edge Limited Partnership ("Water's Edge" or "Owner") is the record owner of the property located at 370 Ocean Avenue, which consists of a singular high-rise apartment building as well as a parking garage for that building ("Property"). On June 28, 2022, following a fire at the above-referenced property as well as several reports of unsafe and unhealthy conditions, representatives of the Revere Board of Health conducted a site visit and inspection of the Property. Following that inspection, the City's Building, Fire, and Health Departments conducted several follow-up inspections and provided these updates to the Board of Health through its representative. Though all occupants were asked to leave the premises by both the City and Water's Edge, upon information and belief there are still occupants who continue residing there.


Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, §127B and 105 CMR 410.831 (D), the Board of Health, through its agent, hereby determines that the danger to the life and health of any and all occupants still residing within the building is so immediate that no delay may be permitted in the Board of Health's issuance of a Finding declaring the property unfit for human habitation. This is

warranted due to the following conditions which pose an immediate danger to the life and health of any and all occupants as well as the general public:

- **105 CMR 410.750 (C) (D)** – The electricity has been shut off at the property from the fourth floor up to and including the sixteenth floor. The Owner has also failed to provide lighting and electricity in the common areas as is required by 105 CMR 410.254. These conditions serve to endanger the health and safety of any and all occupants, trespassers, first responders, contractors, or other persons within the building.
- **105 CMR 410.750 (G)** – The property lacks adequate exits. The egress path between the eleventh and twelfth floors has been obstructed by a large tarp being used to cover the substantial structural damage to the building. That obstruction effectively cuts off the second means of egress for all units between the eleventh and sixteenth floors. *See Exhibit A – Inspection Photographs*. Further, the two emergency exits located in the garage contain locks and are unable to be opened from the garage. These conditions further hinder the egress path and could complicate or obstruct rescue by first responders in the event of an emergency. *Id.*
- **105 CMR 410.750 (H)** – The property is not secured from unlawful entry pursuant to the requirements of 105 CMR 410.480. Many of the unit, hallway, and staircase doors do not fully close and are incapable of being fully secured. *See Exhibit A.*
- **105 CMR 410.750 (I)** – Several units, hallways, and storage areas were found littered with trash, garbage, an overaccumulation of personal items, construction materials, and debris from the deterioration of the walls and ceiling. *See Exhibit A.* These materials not only contribute to the fire load at the property but also serve to obstruct the egress path in the event of an emergency. Further, the building suffered water damage and infiltration following the outbreak of the fire. What appears to be mold has begun growing on several walls and ceilings, greatly contributing to the creation or spread of sickness or disease within the building. *See Exhibit A.*
- **105 CMR 410.750 (K)** – As stated above, portions of the roof and other structural elements of the building were badly damaged and are currently being covered by a large tarp. *See Exhibit A.* Upon inspection, the tarp appeared to be weighed down with an accumulation of water. Further, there are many portions of the walls and ceilings which have either been ripped apart or that have otherwise fallen as a result of the damage to the property. These structural defects provide a serious danger and may expose any and all occupants, trespassers, first responders, contractors, or other persons within the building to accident, danger, or impairment to health or safety.
- **105 CMR 410.750 (L) (N)** – In the pump room, which houses the apparatus needed to provide adequate water pressure to the fire suppression system, the actual pump is in a state of disrepair. *See Exhibit A.* The steel frame and support legs have begun to rot and

corrode and in some places the support legs have snapped off. Id. When not running, the pump was observed to leak. Id. Further, a sprinkler head was observed to have been used as a plug-in bypass line. Id. The failure to correctly install and maintain these plumbing elements is a violation of the Owner's obligations to maintain all plumbing elements in conformance with accepted plumbing standards and in compliance with all applicable laws, codes, and ordinances, including 105 CMR 410.351.

Further, it severely impacts the capacity of the sprinkler system to operate efficiently and supply water to the rest of the building in the event of a fire. Several fire extinguishers appeared to be either missing or expired throughout the building and many of the sprinkler heads appeared to have been improperly installed. In addition, the fire alarm system panel is still in the process of being upgrading following its technical failure earlier this year. The City is still awaiting a full submission for the upgrade application. While the panel remains unfinished, the property is further unprotected from fire leaving any and all occupants, trespassers, first responders, contractors, or other persons within the building exposed to fire, burn, accident, danger, or impairment to health and safety.



Michael Wells, Health Agent
Revere Board of Health

CC: Robert D. Russo, Esq.